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For: USE OF CD63 INHIBITORS )

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**AMENDMENT** 

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the August 13, 2002 office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

## Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) A method of treating human immunodeficiency virus infection in a subject, the method comprising administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to decrease levels of functional CD63 in cells of the subject.

## REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (first paragraph) for lack of written description is respectfully traversed.

The basis for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's ("PTO") rejection of the claims is that the present

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